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WASHINGTON.

...eedings in the Senate Yesterday.

...ate on the Submarine Telegraph Bill.

Georgia Reconstruction Bill Further Discussed.

Ways and Means Fix the Duty on Steel at 3 Per Cent.

Nomination of Yeaman Withdrawn.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.

SENATE.

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MR. CONKLING said the question referred to by the Senator from Ohio, Mr. of South Carolina, was an amendment to make the benefits of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States and foreign citizens. The Senator from Ohio, Mr. of Ohio, had moved to strike out the provision, and the question referred to by the Senator from Ohio, Mr. of South Carolina, was whether the amendment should be adopted.

MR. THURMAN, referring to a remark by Mr. Sumner, that his (Mr. Sumner's) views had undergone a change in regard to the theory of taxing rights of property, said that he (Mr. Thurman) had not changed his views in regard to the matter.

MR. SUMNER said the provision had been made to protect specific privileges under the Constitution of Congress in certain States, and that the extension of suffrage made such provision necessary. He thought with propriety land a suffrage of the citizens between the United States and foreign citizens.

MR. THURMAN, resuming, said the question was not whether the Constitution of the United States should be changed, but whether it should be changed in the manner proposed. He was opposed to the proposition to change the Constitution in regard to the matter.

MR. MORTON

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In the matter of publishing the debates and proceedings of the Constitutional Convention, it seems to us the proper course for power is for that body to do its own reporting and printing in its own way, and not call on the State to foot the bill. Reporting and printing are two very different things, and the people should be protected from the extravagance and corruption and the Press newspapers not. A verbatim report of the debates, as from end, style by that of the Michigan Convention, suitable for binding, ought to be prepared each day and laid upon the tables of members; and the public should be allowed to subscribe for it, if they choose, at the cost of the paper, press work, and mailing. In this way a record of the proceedings may be had which will be of value to the lawmaker, and which will keep the people correctly informed of what is going on.

THE RECENT FAILURES.

The announcement yesterday of ten failures in New York, in various branches of business, is instructive at various points, from Boston to San Francisco, is not altogether unexpected. We attach more the less importance to these events, because they have occurred in those fields in which "panic" or pecuniary fear is most representative of the mass, both from their greater number and their mode of doing business. The merchant importing articles have always a fixed value between a gold basis, marking their goods accordingly to their gold values, quoting their selling price in currency from day to day, according to the premium on gold, and in many instances of this character of business the currency is received and paid out at the rate of gold at the time of sale. Hence, such houses could lose nothing by a decline in gold, unless they happened to have large stocks on hand; because they would receive currency for their goods at the same rate they paid it out for gold. The jobber, of course, is subject to greater fluctuations, but his profits are usually so large that they admit of considerable shrinkage.

We shall take up the subject of the legislative department and the constitution in another article, and shall endeavor to show that while the Constitution is not perfect, it contained many of the most important elements of our State Government, they can all be fully provided for with consideration and detail in a constitution of one-third the length of the present document.

The proceedings of the State Board of Equalization at their last meeting have been interesting. The aggregate assessment of taxable property is $467,000,000, which is about one-third of the actual value, making the total value of the taxable property of this State, $1,407,000,000.

The average assessment of taxable property is given at $31.50, and McLean County has the greatest number, 28,518; Alexander the least, 916. The ratio of cattle is put at $9.75, and McLean County has the greatest number, 45,824. Miles average $36.55, of which Sangamon County has the largest number, 2,945. Sheep are valued at 83 cents, and Vermilion County returns the highest number, 20,000. Hogs are rated at $1.75, and Edgar returns 97,000.

The aggregate number and value of lands and other personal property are thus given:

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PARIS.

Meeting of the Corps Legislatif.

What the Government May Be Called Upon to Do in the Matter—Possible Result.

A Religious Conflict.

Balance of Power—The Palmerston Government.

Rents and Pole.

(From our own correspondent.) PARIS, Dec. 10.

The session of the Corps Legislatif which opened on the 29th ult. has been chiefly occupied with the discussion of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, which has been voted by a majority of 221 to 39. The debate has been a very animated one, and has called forth a number of speeches which have attracted considerable attention. Of these the most remarkable was that delivered by M. Ollivier, who, in reply to the attacks of the Left, declared that the Government was resolved to maintain the principle of universal suffrage, and that it would not allow the Chamber to overthrow the Ministry. He said that the Government was ready to appeal to the country, and that it would not hesitate to dissolve the Chamber if it refused to support the Ministry. This speech has created a great sensation, and has caused a considerable amount of excitement in political circles. It is thought that the Government will not carry out its threat, but will endeavor to arrange matters with the Chamber. The well informed say that the Government will not dissolve the Chamber, but will withdraw the Ministry, and will endeavor to form a new Ministry from the Left Centre. The Left Centre, however, refuses to accept office unless the Government will grant the following concessions: The Ministry to be responsible to the Chamber; the Chamber to have the right of initiating laws; the Senate to be deprived of its power to alter the budget; the Chamber to have the right of interpellation; the Ministers to be allowed to sit in the Chamber; the Chamber to have the right of nominating its own President; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide conflicts between the civil and administrative authorities; the Council of State to be deprived of its judicial functions; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide on the legality of the acts of the Ministers; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide on the legality of the acts of the Prefects; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide on the legality of the acts of the Bishops; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide on the legality of the acts of the Archbishops; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide on the legality of the acts of the Cardinals; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide on the legality of the acts of the Pope; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide on the legality of the acts of the Emperor; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide on the legality of the acts of the Empress; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide on the legality of the acts of the Prince Imperial; the Council of State to be deprived of its power to decide on the legality of the acts of the Empress Eugenie

A DEVIL AT LARGE.

A Desperate Villain Attempts to Kill Four Persons.

He Succeeds in Horribly Wounding A Clerk, and Injures Two Other Persons.

The Scoundrel Captured After a Long and Exciting Pursuit.

Last evening added another to the list of outrages for the perverse and prodigal mind of man. The way it happened was this: Mr. Edward S. Wicker, a clerk in the clothing store of Messrs. Kent & Co., No. 79 Randolph street, between Clark and Dearborn, and Fred Wicker, a brother of the former, aged 17 years, were in the store, and were the only persons there at the time. Mr. Edward Wicker was engaged in waiting upon a customer, and Fred was standing near the door, when a man entered and walked up to the counter where Edward was standing. He at once drew a revolver, and, without saying a word, fired at Edward, the ball striking him in the left breast, near the heart. Edward, with a cry of pain, fell to the floor, and the assassin, turning his weapon upon Fred, fired at him, the ball striking him in the left breast, and inflicting a severe wound. Fred, with a cry of terror, ran out of the store, and the assassin, turning his weapon upon Edward, who was lying on the floor, fired at him

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI.

T. H. C. Advice to the Homeless and Unemployed.

What an Agent of the Association Thinks of Eastern Mississippi.

Inducements to Immigrants.

A Card to the Member and the Transient.

Having just returned from the State of Mississippi, and been over portions of the South, in the employment of the Board, in the interest of the Society, and for the benefit of our unemployed and homeless poor, I feel it my duty to make a few statements in regard to South Eastern Mississippi as a permanent home for the homeless and unemployed.

[illegible] meeting to be held soon, your friend [illegible] Southern Mississippi, and the inducements [illegible] to the homeless and unemployed of Chicago. [illegible] Chicago with [illegible] of this State, and [illegible] of the South, and the [illegible] to make Eastern Mississippi a permanent home for [illegible]

FOREIGN.

Ecumenical Council Adjourned to January 5.

Polish Refugees Ordered from Paris.

Shock Threatened at Londonderry, Ireland.

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